

he also had worked successfully to get all of the race cars in the 500-mile race to use ethanol in 2008, a tremendous victory for the hard work of a young 30-year-old man.

I want to rise and give him a special salute because he was a friend of mine, a wonderful individual. And I was very pained to see how that car was traumatically destroyed in that race.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the Members of the House join me in extending condolences and support to his family and to pray for them, because I know this is a very traumatic experience for them.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the life of Paul Dana. Paul was a man who saw life as goals, not obstacles. After graduating from Northwestern with a Journalism degree, he quickly determined that he would be happiest behind the wheel of a racecar and not in the stands writing about them. He actively pursued his goal and sought out possible sponsors who would provide him with the chance to achieve his dreams.

Paul Dana was passionate and dedicated to everything he committed himself to throughout his life. He worked on behalf of the cause of ethanol, an issue which we shared a deep interest in. He was dedicated to increasing the use of ethanol through his racing team sponsor. This new combination was the result of his hard work and successes on the track as well as his strong business and racing world skills.

He was proud to be racing on the same team with Danica Patrick and Buddy Rice. They created an amazing team along with team owners Bobby Rahal and David Letterman, and were all excited about the prospect of a great year. In the past Paul had finished 10th in his debut Indy car race at Miami-Homestead and had been looking forward to returning this season after suffering a broken back during a practice run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Paul Dana was an integral part of the community and served in many local organizations along side his wife Tonya Bergeson-Dana, a Researcher and Professor at IUPUI's Riley Hospital for Children. The relationship they had and the way they reached out to others have left imprints on many lives far beyond just racing.

A devoted husband, racer and American, Paul Dana should always be remembered for enjoying the challenges that were between him and his goals, never failing to live life to the fullest and always sharing in the happiness that we should all enjoy everyday. He met his fate prematurely on the racetrack last Saturday afternoon in Florida but he died while doing what he loved. We should all be as blessed.

THE SENATE NEEDS TO ACT ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, back in November, Homeland Security officials found and deported 85 illegal aliens from Mexico; 63 of the 85 had previously committed

such crimes as burglary, drug possession, sexual assault and murder.

In September, 99 illegal aliens were arrested in a sting operation in my home State of Florida. All of them had violent criminal backgrounds. Back in July, officials arrested 29 illegal aliens from South Korea who were operating a sex trafficking business.

If these violent criminals could break through our borders, how do we know that terrorist groups have not also?

I call on my colleagues in the Senate to pass the bill that we have passed, H.R. 4437, the Border Protection, Anti-terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot leave our Nation's security to chance.

DEMOCRATS STAND FOR SECURITY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, quite to the contrary, Democrats today stood for real security. We stood for the transitioning of Iraq's security to the Iraqi Government, as has been promised by this administration.

We have stood for the equipping of our soldiers. We have stood for energy security. And today, of course, proudly we have stood for ensuring that our veterans were cared for. So, Mr. Speaker, I hope that America sees the direction that we want to take this country and join us.

Tomorrow, I will be unavoidably detained. I wanted to mention H.R. 609, the College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005. I had wished that we could have supported this legislation, but I think it is important for America's students to know that the average tuition and fees for 4-year public colleges has risen over 40 percent since 2001.

This bill does nothing to allow our students to afford college. I, however, will have an amendment as this bill goes to conference to increase the Pell Grant maximum to \$7,000 from \$6,000, and to provide support for our visually impaired students who need to have Braille textbooks to be able to survive.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we will eventually be able to support legislation that will help our college students in the future.

WE USE TOO MUCH MIDDLE EAST OIL

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, in 2003, the U.S. public spent \$103 billion buying oil from nondemocratic countries such as Venezuela, Syria and Iran.

In fact, it is so bad that you could say that we are doubly funding the war on terrorism against us. We need to get off Middle East oil.

Congressman Eliot Engel and I have introduced H.R. 4409, which sets that

goal of getting us off Middle East oil by the year 2025. We do it through existing technology. We accelerate the use of hybrids by doubling the tax credit for purchasing a hybrid.

We give automobile manufacturers a tax credit for making more lightweight vehicles that are more fuel efficient. We give truckers a tax credit for buying alternative power units so at night they do not have to burn diesel fuel while they are sitting in truck stops.

We adopt the Gil Gutknecht E-Line 10 by 10 language on ethanol.

This is a very good bill. I invite all of my colleagues to take a look at H.R. 4409 and consider being a cosponsor for national security.

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GLOBAL WARMING

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to echo my friend Mr. KINGSTON's remarks and urge Members to take a look at his and Mr. ENGEL's bill for another reason besides national security, that is, it has the additional benefit of dealing with the climate change that the globe is now experiencing. This is kind of a two-fer, the bill that Mr. KINGSTON just described.

One, it can free us from our addiction to Middle Eastern oil or help in that direction; and, two, it can deal with a problem that you can read about in Time magazine. The cover story in Time magazine is about global warming. It says: be afraid, be very afraid.

I hate to think it is from fear. I like to think it is from hope. We ought to have the hope that we can free ourselves from our addiction to Middle Eastern oil, and we can stop global warming if we do some of the common-sense things that Mr. KINGSTON and Mr. ENGEL have proposed.

For those who have been paying attention to the science in the last month, we have learned that the Greenland glaciers are accelerating at a factor of two. The Arctic has lost 36 cubic miles of ice. Polar bears are drowning due to a lack of ice. It is time for some action. Take a look at this bill.

PLANO WEST GIRLS BASKETBALL WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Plano West Senior High School girls basketball team for being the first Plano ladies team to capture a State basketball championship. They are the Lady Wolves.

Earlier this month, the Lady Wolves of Plano West routed the Rockwall Yellowjackets. The girls in blue and